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REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF A PROPOSED BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS METHYLMERCURY IN THE SACRAMENTO- SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

You have been approved by the University of California, Office of the President, to review a water quality plan to control methylmercury and total mercury in the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta).

Enclosed are the documents to be reviewed, *Amendments to The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins for the Control of Methylmercury in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* peer review draft report and appendices to the report. Also enclosed are a summary of the document and a list of major issues we would like to be addressed in the review. Although some issues are identified, we welcome all comments that you might have.

The Regional Board would appreciate receiving comments by **30 August 2006**. If it is not possible for you to return comments by this date, please let me know as soon as possible. We are grateful for your participation in this review and for time spent on the project. If you have any questions now or as you review the document, you may contact me at (916) 464-4621 or email at pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov. You may also contact Michelle Wood at (916) 464-4650 or email at mlwood@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions on technical details of the report.

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Enclosures: Peer review draft Basin Plan Amendment staff report
Appendices (including TMDL Report)
Summary of Basin Plan Amendment
Summary of Technical and Scientific Issues

cc: Gerald Bowes, State Water Resources Control Board

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